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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION: OLL APPARENTLY

REF: REYKJAVIK 0680

1. WEEKEND MEETING FURTHER EXACERBATED STRINS WITHIN  
ORGANIZATION OF LIBERALS AND LEFTISTS AND APPARENTLY BROUGHT  
PARTY TO POINT OF BREAKING UP. MEETING OF PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVES  
COUNCIL (INCLUDING DELEGATES FROM ALL DISTRICTS OF COUNTRY)  
VOTED TO JOIN IN COMMON PROGRAM WITH DISSIDENT YOUNG PROGRESSIVES  
(REFTEL. PARTY CHAIRMAN HANNIBAL VALDIMARSSON ABSTAINED ALONG  
WITH ALTHING MEMBER KJARVAL PALMASSON. BJORN JONSSON, WHO IS  
STILL I HOSPITAL, SENT WORD HE WAS OPPOSED. LOCAL SPECULATION  
IS THAT AT LEAST VALDIMARSSON AND JONSSON FROM OLL WILL NOW  
AFFILIATE IN SOME WAY WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WHILE NEW GROUPING  
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OF REMAINING OLL AND DISSIDENT YOUNG PROGRESSIVES WILL ATTEMPT

TO ATTRACT SMALL DISSIDENT ELEMENTS FROM YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

2. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT PRIMARY FACTOR BINDING NEW OLL-YPP-YSDP GROUPING TOGETHER WILL BE OPPOSITION TO BASE RETENTION. THIS DEVELOPMENT THEN HAS EFFECT OF FURTHER POLARIZING POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AND GIVING THAT ISSUE INCREASED IMPORTANCE. LEFT-RIGHT DIVISION WILL BE MUCH MORE MARKED THAN IN PAST CAMPAIGNS.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE WHICH PARTIES WILL GAIN AND WHICH LOSE FROM THIS RESHUFFLE, OLL SEEMS LIKELY TO SUFFER IN NATIONAL VOTE AS WELL AS PROGRESSIVES. HOWEVER, OVERALL EFFECT ON PROGRESSIVES MAY BE HEALTHY ONE SINCE PARTY WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO PLACATE ITS LEFTISTS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT PROGRESSIVES ARE IN SOME DIFFICULTY, AT LEAST IN REYKJAVIK. FONMIN AGUSTSSON (WHO IS ALSO PP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN) HAS DECIDED NOT TO RUN IN REYKJAVIK CONSTITUENCY BECAUSE HE FEARS DEFEAT BUT TO RUN IN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY INSTEAD. OTHER PROGRESSIVES WHO MAY BE IN TROUBLE INCLUDE PRO-IDF MEMBERS JON SKAFTASON, WHO WILL RUN AGAIN IN REYKANES CONSTITUENCY WHERE HE HAS PERSONAL FOLLOWING AND TOMAS KARLSSON WHO PROBABLY WILL NOT BE RENOMINATED AS ALTERNATE ALTHING MEMBER.  
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